Revenue Officer of the Trivandrum Municipal Council.

208. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the chief object of the appointment of the Revenue Officer of the Trivandrum Municipal Council has been to detect leakage of revenue; and

(*b*) whether the Revenue Officer has detected any leakage of revenue during the years 1104 to 1106, and, if so, how much?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Revenue Officer is responsible for the proper assessment and prompt collection of all municipal taxes. He is also in charge of the account work of the office including check of vouchers, etc.

(*b*) Yes; but it is not possible to calculate the exact amount.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to part (*a*), my question is:

"whether the chief object of the appointment of the Revenue Officer of the Trivandrum Municipal Council has been to detect leakage in revenue"

In the answer, the Government have not denied that this has been the chief object of the appointment; they have simply enumerated the functions of the present officer. May I know whether the chief object of the appointment is to detect leakage of revenue?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is only one of the objects. He has other functions also.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to part (*b*), the answer given is:

"but it is not possible to calculate the exact amount"

At the same time Government admit that one of the objects of the appointment is to find leakage in revenue?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There have been a few stray cases of leakage of revenue.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether even after knowing that there have been cases of leakage of revenue, the Municipality did not care to ascertain the amount of leakage?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There have been only a few stray cases of leakage. The exact amount is not now before me.

Appointment of members of depressed classes in the Electrical Department during 1105 and 1106.

209. **MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many applications have been received from members of the depressed classes such as Cheramars and Sambavars for appointments in the Electrical Department during the last two years; and

(*b*) how many applicants were given appointments?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Three applications were received.

(*b*) None.

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